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SUBJECT: JAPAN AND NPT

1. FONOFF TOOK ADVANTAGE OF GOVERNMENTAL LULL CAUSED BY LOCKHEED TO CAMPAIGN WITH LOWER HOUSE DIET FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE APRIL 7 FOR RATIFICATION OF NPT. DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, UN BUREAU DIRGEN OKAWA STRESSED THAT FAILURE TO RATIFY DURING CURRENT SESSION WOULD UNDERMINE INTERNATIONAL TRUST IN JAPAN AND HARM JAPAN'S "PEACE DIPLOMACY BASED ON THE THREE NON-NUCLEAR PRINCIPLES." OKAWA CITED FIVE AREAS WHERE ADVERSE REPERCUSSIONS COULD BE EXPECTED: A) FURTHER DELAY WILL COST JAPAN THE TRUST OF OTHER NATIONS. B) SUSPICIONS WILL GROW AMONG SE ASIANS THAT JAPAN INTENDS TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS. C) US AND CANADA, WHICH HAVE BEEN LENIENT WITH JAPAN DURING ITS NPT RATIFICATION PROCESS, WILL HARDEN THEIR ATTITUDES, JEOPARDIZING PEACEFUL NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAMS IN JAPAN. D) FAVORABLE
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SAFEGUARDS INSPECTION ARRANGEMENTS BEING NEGOTIATED

WITH IAEA WILL BE LOST. E) JAPAN'S INFLUENCE AS
PROPONENT OF DISARMAMENT WILL BE SERIOUSLY REDUCED.

2. PESSIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES FOR RATIFICATION BECAUSE
OF DIET BOYCOTT BY OPPOSITION PARTIES, FONOFF
DISARMAMENT DIVDIR KAZUHARA TOLD US THAT EVEN
HYPOTHETICALLY CHANCES FOR RATIFICATION ARE NOW POOR.
HE POINTED OUT THAT TO RATIFY A) DIET MUST BE NORMALIZED
EARLY NEXT WEEK IN TIME TO PERMIT A FINAL LH FAC
SESSION ON NPT; THEN B) DIET LH PLENARY MUST RATIFY
THE FOLLOWING WEEK (BEFORE APRIL 24) IN ORDER TO HAVE
REQUIRED THIRTY DAYS FOR AUTOMATIC RATIFICATION
REGARDLESS OF UPPER HOUSE ACTION. TIME PROBLEM COULD
BE EASED IF DIET IS EXTENDED BUT KAZUHARA DOUBTS THIS
WILL OCCUR.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT RULE OUT RATIFICATION BUT ODDS FOR THIS
SESSION ARE WORSENING STEADILY. FONOFF NEVERTHELESS DESERVES
CREDIT FOR ITS HARD WORK ON NPT, AND MAIN HURDLE NOW
IS DIET BOYCOTT RATHER THAN OPPOSITION IN LDP.
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